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In re Application of ~~Hisao D. Ma et al.~~

Serial No.: 09/388,926

Patent Art Unit: 3621

Filed: September 2, 1999

Examiner: Calvin L. Hewitt II

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING  
PREPAID MUSIC CARD FOR DECIPHERING  
RECORDED BROADCAST AUDIO SIGNALS**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

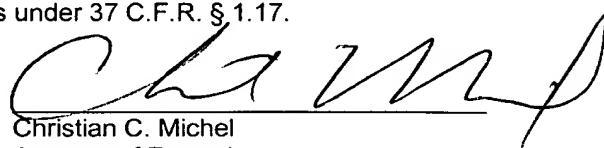
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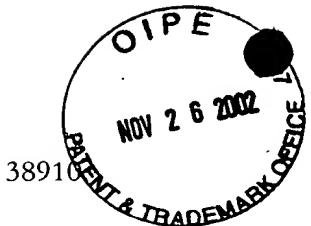
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- Applicant(s) petition(s) for an extension of 1 month to respond and submits herewith the fee of \$110.00.
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  - Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
  - Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 26, 2002. Request is hereby made for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action, extending the deadline to November 26, 2002. The one-month extension fee of \$110 under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10 and 13 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for recording and playing a digital signal, comprising:  
a receiver for receiving an encrypted digital signal comprising a digital audio broadcast segment;  
a buffer connected to said receiver for storing at least part of said digital signal as it is being received;  
a recorder connected to said receiver for recording onto a first recording medium said encrypted digital signal in response to a user request if a beginning of said broadcast segment is in said buffer;